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Final Stage Change on OB Stevenson at Lake Shore Drive, part of the I-55/LSD Interchange Project

New two-lane ramps open from Lake Shore Drive to outbound I-55

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that overnight ramp closures will take place on the outbound Stevenson Expressway (southbound Interstate 55) at the Lake Shore Drive interchange, in Chicago, Tuesday, July 25 and Wednesday, July 26. The closures are necessary for the final stage change on the outbound Stevenson, signifying a milestone for the ongoing Interstate 55/Lake Shore Drive (U.S. 41) Interchange Reconstruction project.

In the new traffic pattern, motorists will travel on the newly-constructed ramps from northbound and southbound Lake Shore Drive to the outbound Stevenson Expressway. All lanes on the outbound Stevenson Expressway will be open.

In order to complete the stage change, the following ramp closures will take place:

- Starting at midnight Tuesday, the ramp that carries traffic from southbound Lake Shore Drive to the outbound Stevenson Expressway will be closed until 5 a.m. A posted detour will direct southbound Lake Shore Drive traffic to exit at 31st Street, re-enter northbound Lake Shore Drive and take the ramp to the outbound Stevenson.
- Starting at 1 a.m. Wednesday, the ramp that carries traffic from northbound Lake Shore Drive to the outbound Stevenson Expressway will be closed until 5 a.m. A posted detour will direct northbound Lake Shore Drive traffic to exit at 18th Street, re-enter southbound Lake Shore Drive and take the ramp to the outbound Stevenson.
- Intermittent full stops will take place on the southbound Stevenson Expressway from 3 – 4 a.m. Wednesday to install overhead signs.

Temporary lane closures will be necessary during off-peak travel times on the outbound Stevenson Expressway to complete the remaining work. The inbound I-55/ Lake Shore Drive project is still ongoing.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click [here](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com

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